

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday 5 January 2021
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:45pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, Eric Stange, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes reviewed from December 1, 2020 meeting and approved with edits.
4. Communications Received:
 - a. Meghan Shadrick regarding presentation for 43 Bailey Road to determine if a hearing is required.
 - b. Request for Hearing from Shahla Abdollahi and Mehran Roodsaz for 46 Temple Street.
 - c. Updates about plans from Jason Kahan regarding property at 11-13 Lowell Street
 - d. Request for Ice Crops and Commuter Book. This is available through the Historical Society.
 - e. Chimney replacement on Gray Street.
 - f. Communication from tenant at 3-11 Lakeview Street. Windows are leaking and cold air is coming into her apartment. Ms. Robinson has sent an email to Michael Ciampa regarding this issue based on the Stop Work Order for this property.
 - g. Approvals for Solar Panel on Appleton Street and Kensington Street.
 - h. Note sent regarding 30 Addison. The work can proceed as it is less than 25%.
 - i. Letter received from Massachusetts Historical Commission approving the application for changes.
5. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Schaefer)- No report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- No report.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- No report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- No report.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) –No report.

Historical Commission FY 2021 Budget- Nothing to report.

6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - c. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - d. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 – Nothing to report.

- e. 21 Teel Street 12/18 – Nothing to report.
- f. 71 Park Avenue 6/20 Stange- Sign has been installed.
- g. 29 Churchill Avenue 6/20 Stange- Work has not begun.
- h. 7 Village Lane 8/20 Robinson/Gervais- Work has not begun.
- i. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Robinson/Schaefer-Nothing to report.
- j. 476 Massachusetts Avenue 9/20 Robinson- Nothing to report.
- k. 478 Massachusetts Avenue (sign) 9/20 Robinson-Nothing to report.
- l. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Robinson/Schaefer- Monitors want to set up a meeting with owners.

The following projects are complete and can be removed from Projects Proceeding Under Hearings and Approvals: 18 Churchill Avenue and 18 Claremont Avenue.

7. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- Nothing to report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –Nothing to report.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Nothing to report.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

8. Discussions and Hearings:

8:00pm- 46 Temple Street Formal Hearing with the owners, Shahla Abdollahi and Mehran Roodsaz.

Proposed Plans: Replace siding and windows, repair and paint shutters and remove chimney.

Pictures of current conditions were shared showing deterioration. The plan is to replace siding with Hardieplank lap siding. Windows to be replaced with Marvin double-hung for front façade with gunmetal clad exterior and white trim. The faux chimney is currently bent inward and the bricks are damaged.

Discussion: The current windows are wood and have divided lights. Clarification was needed regarding the windows and whether restoration of wood siding where needed is considered and repair of the gutters. Need to look at the dimensions of the siding. Plan is to retain existing details. Chimney should remain as this is the style of the house. The chimney can be repaired. Commissioner Gervais presented a plan to work with the owners on how to approach the plans for renovation. The concern is the time that is needed for this plan. This would not hold up the plans for interior work. Commissioner Robinson will send a letter detailing the plans.

Commissioner Gervais made a motion to continue the hearing on February 2, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Stange. All voted in favor.

8:30pm- 11-13 Lowell Street Formal Hearing with Presenter Jason Kahan.

This former store built in 1816 and then later converted to two-family house is included in the National Register as well as the Historical Commission's Inventory. Pictures from the past to the present and history of the house were shared.

The plan is that the current original structure along with the additions added over the years will be preserved. There are some structural concerns that are being addressed on the addition. Work is planned to repoint the chimney, identify roof areas that can be preserved and others parts that may need to be demolished, replace siding with cedar clapboard and replace the windows. The casing and trim on the windows and stained glass can be salvaged. Should there be a differentiation between the original and the addition in the design? The most attention would be to the front and the sides.

The Commission would like to preserve as much of the original house and examine the addition to determine the changes that will be made. It was decided that work can be done to replace the existing windows (18- six over six, 2- four over four over the doors and 2- single with four panes) on the original building. The windows will be wood and match original.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gervais to replace the existing wood windows on the original house with wood windows. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meister. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion to continue the hearing on February 2, 2021 was made by Commissioner Stange. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. All voted in favor.

It was also determined that more information is needed regarding the plans for the addition and the decks on the addition and the roof work. It would be helpful for presentation purposes to make a list about what was original to the front and sides of the house and what is needed to for repair or replacement. Commissioner Robinson will write a letter to Michael Byrne regarding the plans presented tonight.

9:00pm- Informal Discussion 43 Bailey Road with owner, Meghan Shadrick.

Plan is for an addition on the northeast side of the house to expand the kitchen and to build a garage. It was determined that the design for the kitchen addition is more than 25% of the elevation. A formal hearing will be scheduled for February 2, 2021.

New Business:

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:50pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be February 2, 2020 for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.